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E.O. 11652: N/A
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SUBJECT: INTRUSION BY AIRCRAFT INTO BUFFER ZONE

REF: SINAI 0561

1. AT 101923Z APRIL, GIDDI EAST WATCH STATION REPORTED THAT A HELICOPTER HAD JUST ENTERED THE BUFFER ZONE, FROM EAST TO
WEST, AND GONE OUT OF SIGHT IN THE BUFFER ZONE, NEAR THE E-1 SURVEILLANCE SITE. HALF THE GIDDI EAST SENSOR FIELD HAD BEEN ACTIVATED, THE EASTERNMOST SENSOR (#31) FIRST.

2. SFM DEPUTY OPERATIONS OFFICER CALLED GIDDI EAST TO VERIFY DETAILS. HELICOPTER HAD ENTERED THE BUFFER ZONE AN ESTIMATED EIGHT KILOMETERS SOUTH OF THE GIDDI EAST SENSOR FIELD AND STATION AND FLOWN DIRECTLY WEST. GIDDI EAST INSISTED THAT CRAFT WAS STILL IN BUFFER ZONE, APPARENTLY ON GROUND IN VICINITY GRID SQUARE UTM 503335. FLIGHT PATTERN WOULD HAVE BEEN JUST SOUTH E-1.

3. SFM DPTY OPS OFFICER AND ESY OPS MANAGER PROCEEDED BY JEEP TO JUNCTION J-1 AND GIDDI ROADS. AT 102015Z APRIL, OBSERVED RED LIGHT OF CRAFT TO SSW, OVER APPROXIMATE AREA GIDDI EAST HAD STATED. CRAFT HOVERED AT LOW ALTITUDE FOR SEVERAL MINUTES, OBSERVED FROM BOTH GIDDI EAST AND
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JUNCTION. CRAFT THEN GAINED ALTITUDE AND FLEW IN NORTH-

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EASTERLY DIRECTION, COMING UNDER OBSERVATION FROM SFM BASE CAMP. CRAFT ALSO SIGHTED BY SFM LO AT E-1. CRAFT IDENTIFIED BY GIDDI EAST AS IT EXITED THE BUFFER ZONE, REACTIVATING SENSOR FIELD, NEXT WESTERNMOST SENSOR (#36) FIRST.

4. JEEP PROCEEDED SOME TWELVE KILOMETERS SOUTH ON DIRT ROAD INTO APPROXIMATE AREA WHERE CRAFT HAD BEEN DOWN. OBSERVED NOTHING UNTOWARD AND RETURNED TO BASE CAMP AT 102100Z APRIL. CHECK WITH E-1 REVEALED EGYPTIANS APPARENTLY HAD NOT SEEN CRAFT, BUT SUBSEQUENT TO INITIAL SFM REPORT WERE TRYING TO CHECK WITH CAIRO. RADIO REPORT ALMOST IDENTICAL TO REFTEL WAS RECEIPTED FOR BY UNEF HQ DUTY OFFICER AT 102208Z APRIL.

5. TEXT REFTEL READ OVER TELEPHONE TO IDF SENIOR LO AT 110715Z APRIL. COPIES REFTEL DELIVERED BY SFM LO TO E-1 AND UNEF CHECKPOINT ALPHA MORNING 11 APRIL.
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